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To: Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) Waiver Provider Agencies

Subject: Long Term Care (LTC)  
MDCP Information Letter No. 04-01  
Temporary Solution to Billing Issue

The following includes information and clarification for Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) provider agencies related to current billing issues.

The current LTC Bill Code Crosswalk (dated December 31, 2003) shows national procedure codes (S9123 and S9124) corresponding to Service Code 11M, HCSS Respite Services (RN/LVN), for dates of service beginning October 16, 2003. Because of the current duplicate edit programming, the Claims Management System (CMS) will not allow the provider agency to bill for respite services provided by an LVN **and** an RN during the same day. According to the codes that are to be used, if you submit a claim for respite services to a child in which you would bill S9124 – LVN services and S9123 – RN services for the same day, the claim would reject for duplication of services during the same time period.

Until further notice, when billing for Service Code 11M for dates of service beginning October 16, 2003, please bill all hours for the day under **either** S9124 or S9123. This will allow the CMS to accept and process the claim. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Roberts at (512) 438-5391.

Sincerely,

*[signature on file]*

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